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Dear Mr. Gill:

I am honored by the invitation of the Directors of the Passano Foundation to assist in the selection of the recipient of the Passano Award for 1949.

The men listed in your letter of January 20 are all distinguished investigators who have made outstanding contributions to basic scientific knowledge and clinical medicine. Using the system described in your letter, my ratings are as follows: Avery...1; Huggins...8; Levine and Wiener...1.

I am familiar with the work of all of these men. The reasons for my ratings are:

Dr. Avery, born October 1877, is now 71 years old. He has had a long and highly distinguished scientific career. The work for which he is cited was done a good many years ago. It has been widely recognized and he has received honors and awards for it.

Drs. Levine and Wiener have, as the note states, developed the knowledge of the Rh factor and its relation to erythroblastosis fetalis and blood transfusion reactions. This is work of high order, but not entirely original since it derives from Landsteiner's basic discoveries.

Dr. Huggins, 47 years old, is my first choice, without question. He is the rare combination of an original scientific investigator and a clinician. I attribute to him a great change in thinking about cancer because his work on the control of cancer of the prostate by male and female sex hormones showed that at least some forms of neoplastic disease are not "lawless growths", but are subject to controlling physiological mechanisms.

Recalling former enjoyment of the hospitality of the Foundation on some of the occasions of its distinguished awards I hope I may be free to accept the invitation you mentioned to attend the next ceremonies of presentation, and I am grateful to you for wishing to have me there at that time.

R4 Will you kindly ask your Secretary to change my address to the one given at the head of this sheet? I left the Yale University School of Medicine on July 1, 1947 for the new position here. I am "full-time" in administration.

With high regard and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Baltimore card list.*
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